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Moody on The Market

Pat **Moody**

Culinary Masters Coming for KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship

One of the many fringe benefits of having the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship in Benton Harbor is the thousands of people who get to experience, for the first time, the many treasures of Southwest Michigan. Included in that display is the delightful mix of culinary geniuses from near and far who expose us to their latest food creations.

The KitchenAid team has unveiled the slew of celebrity chefs and local talent who will be headlining the 2024 event, including some names you might recognize, and others we value so much, we appreciate having them in our own backyard.

See below for the chefs who will be featured at the 2024 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship taking place at Harbor Shores over Memorial Day Weekend, and make plans to visit the KitchenAid Fairway Club, the centerpiece of the fan experience at the Championship. There you will find interactive cooking displays and product demonstrations, smoothie and shave ice making, espresso tastings and captivating demonstrations by renowned chefs and home designers.

Among the celebrities we are proud to call West Michigan's own is Abra Berens of Granor Farm. She's made a name for herself nationally as an award winning and best-selling cookbook author. She also brings a worldview approach to her cooking that encourages creativity as well as sustainability. We had a chance to talk with Abra back in 2023 about her third cookbook titled **Pulp: A Practical Guide to Cooking With Fruit** and are excited to learn she's one of the featured chefs for this year's KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship event.

Others in this year's KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship celebrity chef lineup (as provided by the KitchenAid team):

This year's star-studded lineup will be led by renowned **Chef Christopher Covelli** and his protégé **Chef Brett Wagner**. Chef Covelli, having been featured as the resident celebrity chef talent every year of the KitchenAid spon-

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The Grand Floral Parade is the Crown Jewel of the Blossomtime Festival and will be celebrating its 118th year on Saturday, May 11 at 1:00 p.m. The Parade begins in St. Joseph and continues its way through the city, across the Bicentennial Bridge, and into Benton Harbor. St. Joseph and Benton Harbor have been the host cities since the Parade's inception in 1923. Join Miss and Mr. Blossomtime 2024 and their Courts of Honor,

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and the lovely community Queens as they preside over the Grand Floral Parade.

Come enjoy a fire show and sunset on the Pier with Nick May is Fire! The events start an hour before sunset and end an hour after. The first show is Saturday, May 11, and goes every Saturday through September 21.

The Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra performs at its spring concert on Sunday, May 12 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. LMYO provides rich musical opportunities for students ranging from middle school to high school. For over 40 years the program has continually evolved to meet the changing needs of student musicians. LMYO is the capstone of the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra's educational outreach programs. Students perform in a variety of ensembles including concert strings, Encore Strings, a Winds program, Encore and Concert Strings Combined, and the Youth Symphony. See the performance at the Howard Performing Arts Center.

Get your tickets for an unforgettable culinary experience at Round Barn Brewery and Public House's May Beer Dinner. Indulge in a carefully crafted four-course menu expertly paired with Round Barn signature brews, curated to tantalize your taste buds, and elevate your dining experience. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. but come before to enjoy a pre-dinner craft beer or cocktail. The event is Thursday, May 16.

Southwest Michigan residents and visitors will be treated to a spectacular musical evening during this year's highly anticipated KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship being hosted at Harbor Shores. The community con-

cert will take place at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, and will feature R&B legend Jeffrey Osborne, alongside sensational jazz artists Gerald Albright and Kim Scott. The concert, sponsored by the KitchenAid SrPGA, is free to the public. No tickets are required. Local food trucks will be on-site with fan-favorite cuisine available for purchase. All golf fans, music lovers, and community members are invited and encouraged to attend. Bring a chair or blanket!

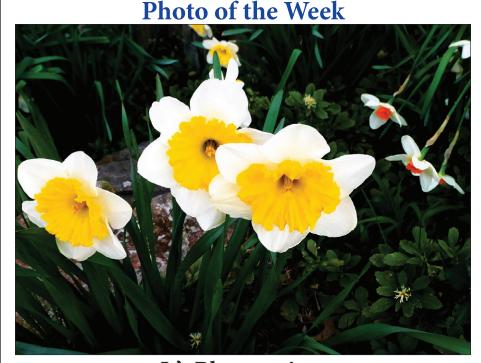
The KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship returns to Harbor Shores for a historic sixth time, bringing the most accomplished senior golfers to the Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course. In addition to Championship golf, this event provides a variety of experiences such as celebrity cooking demonstrations, a Kids Zone, Makers Trail 19th Hole Pavilion, and more. Artfully routed by Jack Nicklaus, Harbor Shores run through four remarkably diverse terrains, making it as challenging as it is spectacular. From impressive inland landscapes to the dunes with dramatic views of Lake Michigan to the serene woodlands & river terrain, Harbor Shores are unlike any other & allow golfers to experience all the different landscapes they can play in Michigan, all in one course. The event takes place Thursday, May 23 through Sunday, May 26.

Explore these wonderful events in Southwest Michigan with your friends and family. If you would like more information on these and many more events and activities in the area, please visit our website at swmichigan.org.



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A Baseball-free Baseball Column!

What do you get when you combine one of my old column ideas with a new – or at least new-ish – one? For you, I hope it's five minutes of escape from whatever's buggin' ya. For me, I hope it can be padded to 550 words.

Ok, for starters, someday I want to hear from all of you about your nicknames – the one (or ones) that you're called, and/or the one (or

ones) that people you know are called. However, since none of you have contributed any such fodder yet, I will focus today on nicknames from, you guessed it, the wacky world of baseball.

I'll start with nicknames that, in the spirit of a couple columns back, don't exactly inspire confidence in the abilities of the, uhhh, nickname-ee.

Snake Deal. Doesn't sound like a guy who cares about fair play, does it? And maybe, in a way, he didn't. Because besides baseball, Snake also played basketball for pay. And some sources say he was the first guy to shoot jump shots, rather than fling the ball hoopward flat-footed. No one apparently knew whether the rules permitted this – but hey, a Snake don't care 'bout no rules!

Gravedigger Hebner. Hebner was not so-nicknamed because he buried his team's hopes; he was actually a pretty good ballplayer. But between baseball seasons, he worked at a cemetery run by his father and brother. (There's a story that once his father scolded him for not digging a gravesite deep enough, to which Hebner replied, "Aw, I never saw anyone get up from one.")

Think many of these nicknames struck fear into opposing teams?: Putsy Caballero; Puddinhead Jones; Granny Hamner; Goober Zuber; Sloppy Thurston; Grandma Murphy.

How about Cuddles Marshall, a New York Yankee in the 1940s. Much was made of his appealing visage; one newspaper called him the "handsomest Yankees twirler."

In 1946, multiple New York sportswriters occasionally made mention of how much Marshall resembled the movie star Tyrone Power. (What a name, eh? – "Tyrone Power." He started calling himself that at an early age...because Tyrone Power was his actual name. Though his dad nicknamed him Bingo.)

Anyway, that same year, an ink-stained wretch (aka a reporter) happened to listen in while some of Marshall's teammates were gab-

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bing about what to nickname him. His fellow pitcher Joe Page (nicknamed "The Gay Reliever" by the immortal Joe DiMaggio for his happy-golucky personality, and willingness to hit the nightspots with DiMaggio until all hours of the night) surmised that Marshall's looks made all the girls want to "cuddle" with him. The inkstained wretch began to refer to Marshall as "Cuddles" in his articles. Marshall didn't care for the nickname at first, but eventually decided to cuddle up to it.

Now we turn to Hugh "Losing Pitcher" Mulcahy, so-nicknamed because he twice lost 20 games in a season (for you non-baseball fans, that's a LOT of losing), and every season of his career he always lost more games than he won. But Losing Pitcher did come in first once: He was the first major league baseball player to be drafted into military service before the U.S. entered World War II. He served four years – and his team didn't lose that one!

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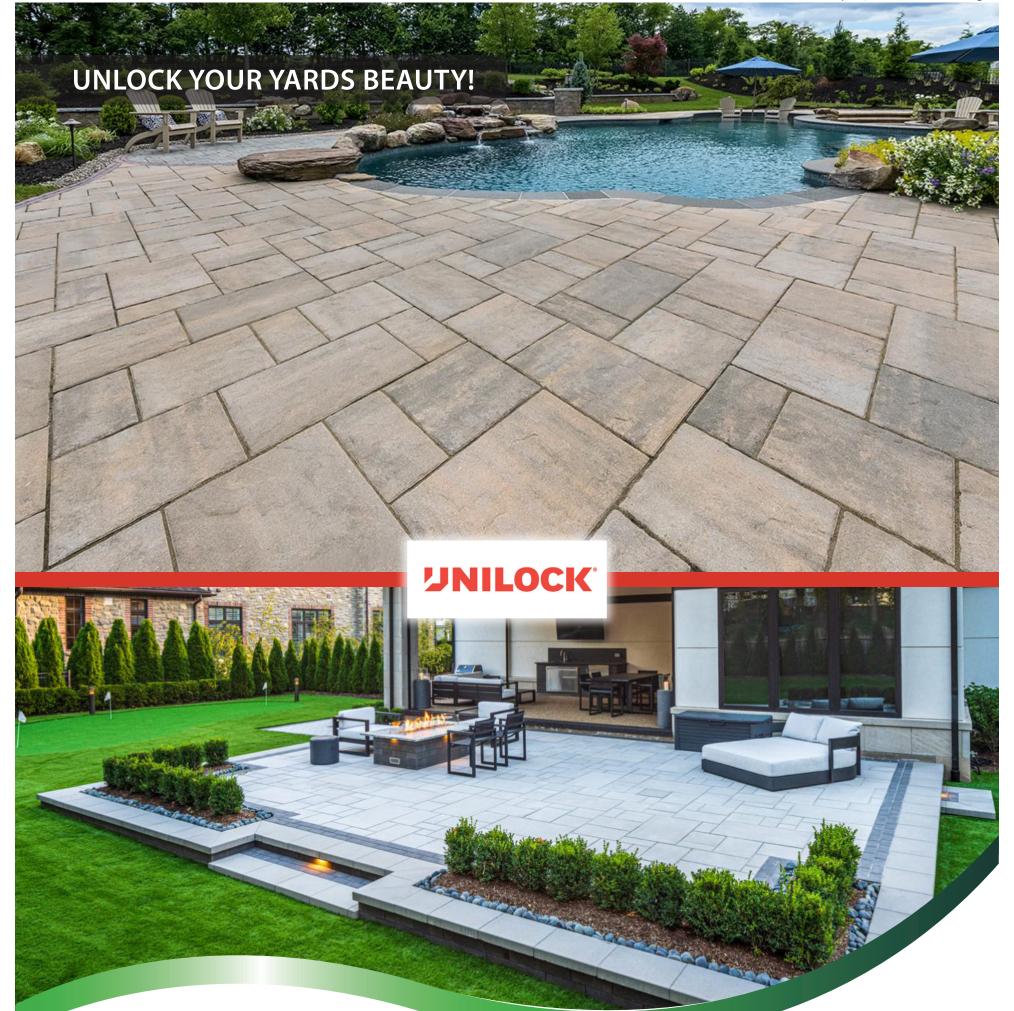
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When I left the Air Force I tried doing a compensation claim on my own without much success, I sought out the Service Officer where I lived at the time but did not get much help so my claim wither on the vine. When I retired from my civilian career one of my goals was to re-file for VA benefits.

I had just relocated to South West Michigan, I knew a few people but I was unsure what I would do to be fulfilled in retirement in my new town. I decided to become more active in my local American Legion Post (331 Bridgman). I imagined I would meet some other female veterans to do things with in the community, but I was the only woman who came to our meetings. While at the Post I saw information on our Berrien County Service Office and I thought I would give it another chance before giving up.

When I went to my appointment I was immediately impressed with how warm, welcoming and helpful the Director, Maureen Adams, was. She answered all my questions on healthcare and the VA system. I then asked if she knew any lady veteran groups in the area- there were none but Maureen inquired about my interest in starting one. She put me in touch with a few female veterans that she knew and today we have a growing group of veterans who meet regularly to enjoy good conversations and lots of laughs.

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TruDat Music Festival Announces 2024 Stage Lineup

Organizers are thrilled to announce the headline act for this year's TruDat Music Festival, set to rock the grounds of Christ Lutheran School in Stevensville, MI on Saturday, August 24, 2024.

Leading the charge will be none other than the acclaimed Christian music sensation, We the Kingdom. This multi-generational band, featuring Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Martin Cash, and Scott Cash, has been making waves with hits like "God So Loved," "Child of Love," and "Holy Water," dominating the airwaves with their inspiring sound.

The talented Ariana McLean-Garcia is returning to her roots in Southwest Michigan to kick off the musical festivities. With



ARIANA MCLEAN-GARCIA

Also gracing the lineup is American Christian hip-hop artist **KB**, hailing from St. Petersburg, Florida. Known for his dynamic solo career and front man of the hip-hop



talent.

WE THE KINGDOM

group HGA (His Glory Alone), KB brings his electrifying energy to the TruDat stage. Fresh off the release of his fifth studio album, "His Glory Alone II," KB is sure to get the crowd pumped up and ready for an unforgettable night of music.

But the TruDat Music Festival isn't just about the music-it's a family-friendly affair with something for everyone. From mouthwatering local cuisine served up by food trucks to a Kids' Fun Zone complete with a bouncy house and other exciting activities, there's fun to be had for all ages.

This year, the festival is shining a spotlight on an important cause: suicide prevention. Teaming up with the Berrien County Suicide Prevention Coalition and **United Health Services-Suicide Prevention Center**. The event aims to raise awareness and support for those struggling with mental health issues.

TruDat Praise and Worship Ministry is a loose-knit group of local Christians who love positive, uplifting music. At its core, TruDat is about spreading positivity and bringing people together through the power of music. Whether you're a devout believer or simply looking for a good time, everyone is welcome to join in the celebration of faith, community, and life.

The TruDat Music Festival is made possible by a host of volunteers and the sponsorships from numerous churches and business. For volunteering opportunities or sponsorship inquiries, email organizers at TruDat Ministry@gmail.com.

With attendance growing year after

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year, this is one event you won't want to miss. Grab your tickets now and be part of the TruDat experience!

Tickets:

General Admission: \$25 (Online) \$30 (At the gate) VIP: \$75 (Includes early entry, Q&A with We the Kingdom and KB, and premier seating) Get tickets online at bit.ly/TruDat2024 or scanning the QR code below. Date: Saturday, August 24, 2024 Time: Gates open at 5pm, Show at 7pm Location: Christ Lutheran School, 4333 Cleveland Ave,

Stevensville, MI







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Connection with Jesus

[Jesus said] "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." ~ John 15:5

Lately, I seem to be getting frequent reminders that I am not as young as I used to be. The latest was a notice in the mail that my twentieth high school class reunion will be held this summer. Indeed, those twenty years can go by very quickly. Also, a lot can happen in twenty years, making it hard to stay connected with classmates. Life happens. We get married and have children. Jobs take us all over the country. When we go so long without seeing people, it is easy to lose the connections we once had with them.

It's also easy for that to take place with Jesus. Life happens. We get married and have children. We fill our schedules up with work, sports, and school activities. We have family and community obligations. We take vacations and try to make the most of life. Before we know it, we are losing our connection with Jesus. This happens gradually, just like with high school classmates over twenty years.

Losing a connection to a high school friend is one thing. Losing our connection with Jesus is another thing altogether. Jesus makes it clear in John chapter 15 that without a connection to him, we are in trouble: we can't produce spiritual fruit and be saved from our sins. Ultimately, no connection with Jesus means no getting into heaven. It means getting tossed out with the other dead branches into the eternal burn pile.

The good news is that Jesus will never sever his connection with those who are joined to him by faith. He is always ready and waiting in his Word to remind us of his love and to draw us closer to him.

Perhaps, for you, now is a good time to reconnect with Jesus and take steps to remain in Jesus. Recommit yourself to regularly attending worship. Join a Bible study. Expand your devotional life.

We may or may not want to attend a class reunion, but we never want to miss out on eternal life with Jesus!

Prayer: Dear Savior, thank you for always being there for me in Word and sacrament. Bless my efforts to remain in you now and forever. Amen.

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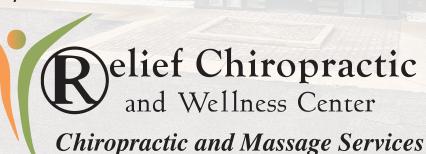
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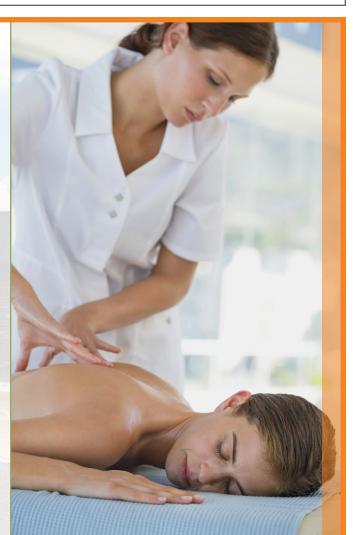
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Dave Says Where's the Money Going?

Dear Dave

I have a roommate, and we've shared the same two-bedroom apartment for about three years. During that time, we've always had an agreement that we would split the bills fifty-fifty. But for the last several months, he's been very late paying his half of the bills. There have even been a few times when he didn't pay his part at all, and I had to cover the entire bill. We both work good jobs, so money isn't an issue. He says he's broke, but when I ask him where all his money goes, he just shrugs and acts like he doesn't know. We're good friends, so I don't want to be cruel. How can I approach him about the situation? Mikhail

Dear Mikhail.

No matter whether you're talking about friendships or business dealings, to be unclear is to be unkind. Believe me, I understand you don't want to be mean to a friend. But situations like this should always be addressed directly and quickly, before things get out of hand.

You said you were good friends, and not just roommates, right? My advice is to suggest a night where you both just hang out at the apartment. Offer to pay for dinner

to be delivered, and just relax and watch a movie or a game together. Before the night's over, tell him there's something you've been wanting to talk to him about, and begin an understanding-but firm-conversation-about the last few months and the situation with the bills. Let him know he's a good friend, and you enjoy his company, but the roommate agreement isn't working out because he's not living up to his agreement to pay half the bills. Give him every chance to give a reasonable explanation for things, but make sure he understands that you two aren't going to be able to be roommates much longer unless he starts paying on time.

Being understanding is key in a situation like this, Mikhail. You don't want to approach him with a bunch of accusations, but at the same time, you need to know what's going on. Maybe he needs help learning to budget money properly. You said both of you have good jobs, so that means his money has to be going somewhere. The problem is it sounds like it's not going to the right places.

When a friend is having a rough time, you should always do what you reasonably can do to help. But in this case, he's got obligations he needs-and agreed-to live up to. Do what you can, but in the end, he should understand it's time for him to get his act together. –Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions





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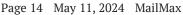
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sorship, has been seen on several Food Network shows including "Alex versus America," and "Beat Bobby Flay." Covelli is currently the Head Executive Chef and Co-owner of Realm Restaurant Group in Sarasota, FL. Wagner is the Co-Executive Chef for Realm Restaurants and is regularly featured on television and in magazines. Both chefs will appear all week to wow guests with their incredible cooking skills and culinary advice.

The dynamic Chef Alex Guarnaschelli will showcase her cooking skills on Thursday, May 23. Guarnaschelli is recognized as one of America's most accomplished top chefs, acclaimed for her work in the kitchen, as an author and as a popular television personality. Guarnaschelli is a mother, chef, TV host and native New Yorker. In addition to appearing on various Food Network shows like "Iron Chef America," "Chopped," "Supermarket Stakeout" and "The Kitchen," Alex has a New-American restaurant, "Butter," in midtown Manhattan, that has been popular for 20 years. Chef Alex Guarnaschelli will be signing copies of her cookbook after her demonstration at the Championship.

On Friday, May 24, famed **Chef Carla Hall** will take the stage, sharing her favorite recipes and her philosophy to 'always cook with love'. Carla Hall first won audiences when she competed on Bravo's "Top Chef" and "Top Chef: All Stars." Carla spent seven years co-hosting ABC's Emmy award-winning lifestyle series "The Chew," and she is currently featured on MAX as the host of "Chasing Flavor" and on the Food Network in the "Summer, Halloween and Holiday Baking Championships." Her latest cookbook, "Carla Hall's Soul Food: Everyday and Celebration" landed on annual best cookbook lists across the country and received a NAACP Image Awards nomination. Chef Carla Hall will also be signing copies of her book after her demonstration at the Championship.

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Those looking for kitchen and home design inspiration won't want to miss **Jasmine Roth**'s demonstration and Q&A session on Saturday, May 25. Jasmine Roth is the founder of Built Custom Homes, curator of the online retail store The Shop by Jasmine Roth and host of HGTV's hit shows "Hidden Potential" and "HELP! I Wrecked My House." She was also on HGTV's "Rock the Block Season 1." Building custom homes is her bread and butter, and she loves finding ways to make homes as personal, functional, and beautiful as possible. At the Championship, she will share her personal tips and answer questions on customizing your kitchen.

This year's KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship will feature more local talent than ever before, including talented chefs,



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www.MailMaxOnline.com baristas, and experts from across Michigan who will be showcasing their secrets.

The master schedule is as follows:

Thursday, May 23

• 11 a.m. - **Brian Maynard**, the visionary owner of Forté Coffee, will bring his knowledge and love of all things coffee to his exciting espresso demonstration, sharing his secrets for brewing the perfect cup.

• 1 p.m. - Celebrity Chef Demonstration from **Chef Alex Guarneschelli**

• 2:30 p.m. - **Elton Mann**, Executive Chef at Plank's Tavern, the restaurant for the Inn at Harbor Shores **Friday, May 24**

• 11 a.m. - **Chef Nate Brown**'s rise from cooking demonstrations to hosting his own TV show underscored his passion for flavorful cuisine and culinary excellence. With notable collaborations with Wolfgang Puck and VIP clientele like Kanye West and Governor Gretchen Whitmer, his dedication to healthy eating initiatives shines through, as seen in his efforts to educate youth about nutrition and wellness through urban gardening and cooking classes.

• 1 p.m. - Celebrity Chef Demonstration from **Chef Carla Hall**

• 2:30 p.m. - **Chef Justin Paruszkiewicz**, a recent winner of "Guy's Grocery Games," brings a wealth of experience to his demonstration. Justin honed his skills at esteemed establishments like Gibsons Restaurant Group, culminating in his current role as Executive Chef at Sister Lakes Brewing Company and owner of The Chef's House private dining service. **Saturday, May 25**

• 1 p.m. - Celebrity Design Demonstration by Jasmine Roth

• 2:30 p.m. - **Cheyenne Galbraith**, the creative force behind Houndstooth, is not simply a chef; she is a culinary storyteller. Known for transforming familiar ingredients into culinary adventures, she marries influences from her childhood to her extensive travels.



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• 3:30 p.m. - Cheese lovers won't want to miss the demonstration from **Deb Sailor**, fondly known as "The Cheese Lady." She swiftly became the beloved cheese vendor in The Market in Saint Joseph, sharing her passion for cheese that transports people to cherished moments and places. **Sunday, May 26**

• 11 a.m. - Closing out the weekend, **Chef Abra Berens**, the founder and head chef of Granor Farm, will bring her passion for seasonal and locally sourced ingredients to the KitchenAid Fairway Club.

For more information and tickets, visit www.srpgachampionship.com. By Ken Lundberg, MOTM Contributor

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Bridgman Happenings!

As we make a mad dash towards summer, our friends in Bridgman have multiple opportunities for you to enjoy some fun, scope out their businesses, and celebrate their 75th birthday as a city!

Back by popular demand is the Bridgman Open Air Market, which officially opens this Sunday, May 12th aka Mother's Day and runs through mid-October! Located on the United Federal Credit Union parking lot on the corners of Lake Street and Red Arrow Hwy, you'll discover homegrown flowers, freshly baked goods, locally sourced honey, dog treats, and numerous booths of handcrafted items from local artisans.

'We are so grateful for the love and support from the community and strive to bring only high quality, local items for our patrons," said Roseann Stachowiak. Market Manager at the Bridgman Open Air Market.

If you've attended in the past, you've likely noticed that each year the Bridgman Open Air Market strives to take on a charity to give back to the community. This year Animal Aid of Southwest Michigan will be rejoining the market on a bi-weekly basis to find homes for their furry friends. In August they will be hosting a back-to-school drive with all items donated going to the Bridgman Public Schools. Then in the month of September the market will also be hosting a food drive for the local food pantries.

"We know that these last couple years have been tough and with the amount of support we have been shown we want to give back as much as possible to the community," adds Roseann. "If anyone would like to donate we have a spot for donations set up at our information and first aid tent; or one of the board members (easily spotted in board shirts and with a sign at their booths) would be happy to assist.

One of the most exciting things about the Bridgman Open Air Market is the sheer number of vendors each week, but also the number of returning vendors year-after-year! As it grows so does the market's endeavor to keep all of the items available to the public locally sourced. Many of their Southwest Michigan vendors can be found right on your doorstep like Adrian Quint of Peacock Rocks and Rebecca of Rebecca's Ceramics. Both of those Bridgman based businesses come and set up at the market regularly to connect more with their community. More information can be found about our vendors at the Bridgman Open Air Market Facebook page where the media team updates weekly about vendor of the week and highlights from the market.

The Makers Trail Festival returns to beautiful Weko Beach on Saturday, June 8th from 1:00 until 7:00 p.m. This event is in partnership with the Southwest Michigan Tourist Council and St. Joseph Today showcases 25 of our local wineries, breweries, cideries, and distilleries that call Southwest Michigan home. This is also the perfect event for you to try new drinks from places you haven't visited yet, or sip on some of your favorites! To see the full line-up of Makers, bands food trucks and of course to purchase your tickets visit: makerstrail.org/festival.

On Saturday, July 13th you're invited to Bridgman's 75th Birthday Bash! There's a full day of fun all throughout the City including: Bridgman 5K, Parade through Downtown, Lemonade Stand, Quatresonics Barber Shop Quartet, Balloon Animals & Face Painting, Children's Games, Pop-up Market at Transient Artisan Ales, Beer Garden & Boutique Lemonade at the American Legion, Free Hot Dogs & Kids Activities at Immanuel Lutheran Church & School, Autos & Ales Car Show at Haymarket Taproom, Don Chepe Food Truck, Music with The Spaniels in the Courtyard, Movie in the Courtyard, and so much more!!!

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Bridgman is just one of our beautiful communities with some fun and exciting things happening - I hope you'll join me in discovering more of them! To get more information visit our website at smrchamber.com. You can also connect with me directly at 269-932-4040 or sspoonholtz@smrchamber.com



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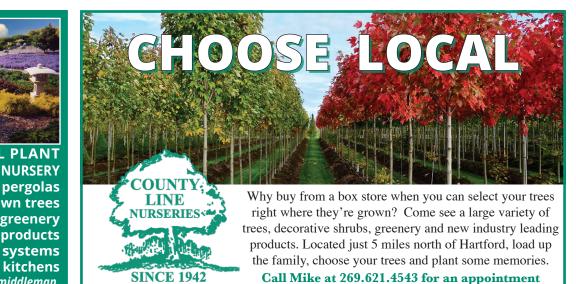
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